UNDER THE ASCOTS

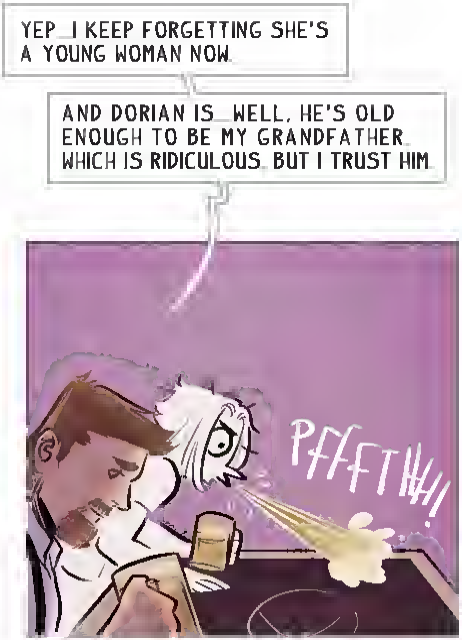
YOU LOOK LIKE YOU NEED ANOTHER

DEENA! THANKS FOR COMING!

DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT. I KNOW WHAT DAY IT IS

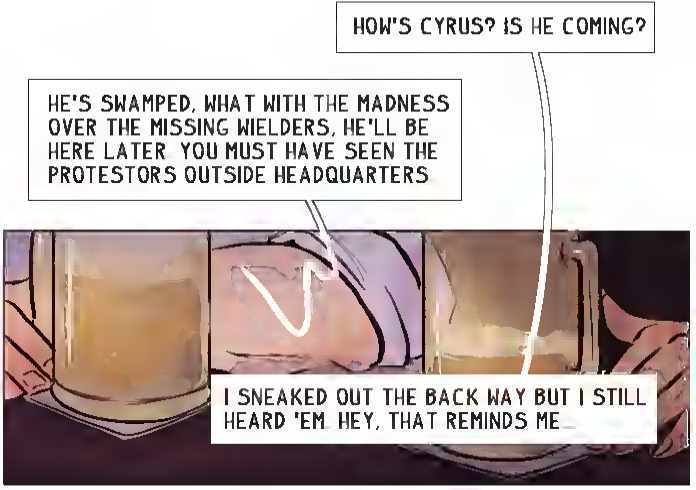
HOW ARE YOU HOLDING UP? HAVE YOU TALKED TO MATT LATELY?

YEAH. IT FEELS STRANGE NOT TO BE SPENDING TODAY WITH HER, BUT...
SHE HAS SOMEONE TAKING CARE OF HER NOW AT LEAST.
WAIT, WHAT? "SOMEONE"? SOMEONE AS IN...?


YEP. I KEEP FORGETTING SHE'S A YOUNG WOMAN NOW.
AND DORIAN IS... WELL, HE'S OLD ENOUGH TO BE MY GRANDFATHER. WHICH IS RIDICULOUS. BUT I TRUST HIM.
PFFFTHH!

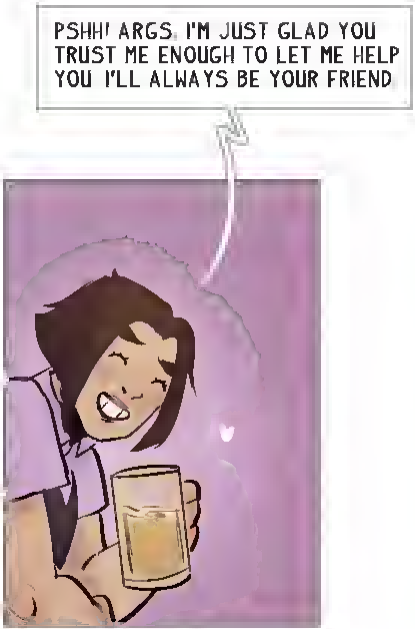
DORIAN!?

NABBED HERSELF A MOONBORN...ATTA GIRL.


HOW'S CYRUS? IS HE COMING?
HE'S SWAMPED, WHAT WITH THE MADNESS OVER THE MISSING WIELDERS, HE'LL BE HERE LATER. YOU MUST HAVE SEEN THE PROTESTORS OUTSIDE HEADQUARTERS.
I SNEAKED OUT THE BACK WAY BUT I STILL HEARD 'EM. HEY, THAT REMINDS ME...

I GOT A HOLD OF AN ARMY VEHICLE FOR WHATEVER IT IS YOU NEED IT FOR BUT THAT YOU REFUSE TO TELL ME. THOUGH I'M GUESSING IT HAS TO DO WITH SOME WIELDERS?

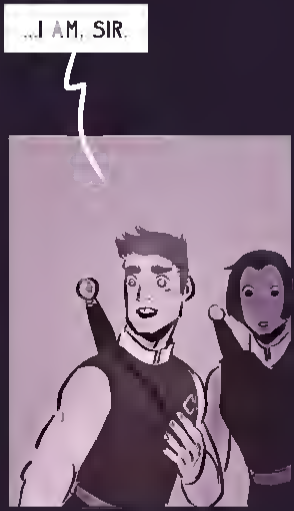
I'M SO SORRY. I HAVE TO BE EXTRA CAREFUL--


PSHH! ARGS. I'M JUST GLAD YOU TRUST ME ENOUGH TO LET ME HELP YOU. I'LL ALWAYS BE YOUR FRIEND.

THANKS DEENA, YOU'VE BEEN SUCH A GREAT HELP TO THE WIELDERS AND TO ME EVEN BACK WHEN--
HEY..I KNOW I WAS THERE

YOU ONLY BEAT *ME* BECAUSE THE SUN WAS IN MY EYES.
ARGUS, THERE WEREN'T ANY WINDOWS IN THERE. JUST ACCEPT THAT I'M ALWAYS GONNA BE BETTER THAN YOU.

WHICH ONE OF YOU INTERNS IS ARGUS?


...I AM, SIR.

SON. THERE'S BEEN AN ACCIDENT AT YOUR HOME

YOU NEED TO GET THERE RIGHT NOW.

WE NEED SOME HELP. THAT'S MY FRIEND'S HOUSE--

YOU'RE A RELATIVE?
Y-YES. MY SI-SISTER AND HER HUSBAND AND-AND MY NIECE--
THIS WAY PLEASE, SIR.

THERE WAS AN EXPLOSION... SUSPECTED GAS LEAK.
YOUR SISTER AND HER HUSBAND WERE THE ONLY FATALITIES...I'M SORRY.
W-WHAT? THIS CAN'T BE...HAPPENING--

THE LITTLE GIRL WAS PULLED OUT FROM THE RUBBLE. HER MOTHER PROTECTED HER WITH HER BODY SO SHE WASN'T CRUSHED.
SHE HASN'T WANTED TO LET GO OF THAT SWORD. IS SHE A W--?

MATHILDA!
Not a word is anyone alright?

UNKIE--
I'M HERE, SWEETIE.

I'M HERE. SHHH.

IT'S GOING TO BE ALRIGHT--

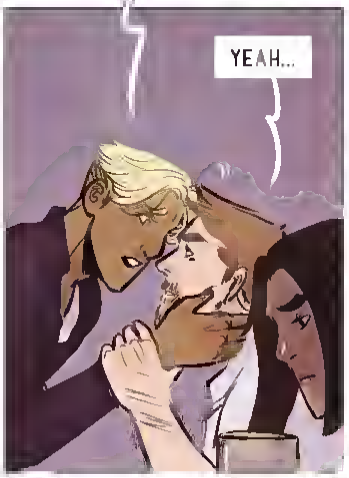
IT'S ALL GOING TO BE OKAY.
I'LL TAKE CARE OF YOU...
...I PROMISE.

SEVENTEEN YEARS AGO TODAY...
AND THE MORE TIME GOES BY, THE MORE MATTIE LOOKS LIKE AGATHA. I WISH I COULD HAVE SEEN HER TODAY--
SHE'S A STRONG GAL. SHE'LL BE OKAY.

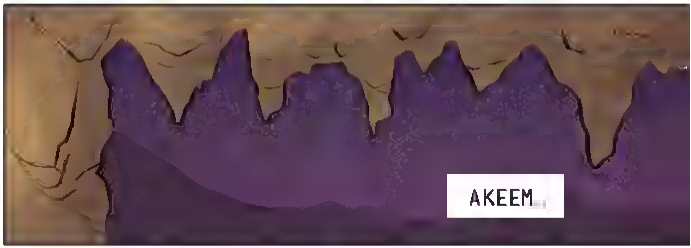
DEENA! ARGUS!
I'M SO SORRY I'M LATE--

I ONLY JUST GOT OFF WORK...

ARE YOU OKAY?



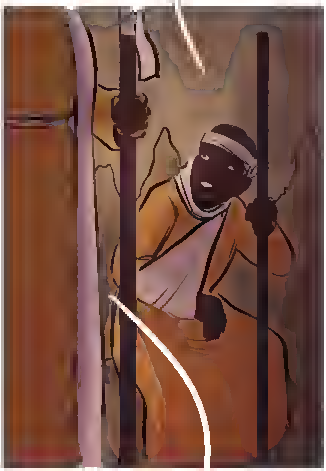
I'M HERE...


AKEEM...

AM I A FAILURE TO OUR PEOPLE?

HOW COULD YOU DOUBT YOURSELF? IF NOT FOR YOU, WE WOULDN'T HAVE SURVIVED ALL THIS TIME...

SHILOH WOULDN'T HAVE SURVIVED



IF SHILOH HAS ANYONE TO THANK...IT'S YOU.

WHERE IS THE WIELDER
LONG GONE!

THEY MAY HAVE LEFT US ALONE. BUT THEY WON'T GIVE UP ON PURSUING HER. SHE'S STILL IN A LOT OF DANGER...

I THINK A JOURNEY TO BASILEIA IS IMMINENT FOR THE GHATIKAN PEOPLE

INHALE